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doing was with the sanction of this Government inasmuch as neither wants to be prosecuted for any violations of United States laws. In this regard, they were advised by our Miami Office that this Bureau could not sanction any violations of Federal laws on their part. (\$

On August 15, 1960, Mr. Ray O'Mara, representative of your Agency in Miami, advised our Miami Office that Bob Holmes of Central Intelligence Agency Headquarters had established direct contact with Mr. Vasquez prior to the boat trip from Miami to Cuba on about August 11, 1960 (which is described in detail in the enclosed memorandum). [O'Mara said that he had (5) furnished \$250, which was given to Vasquez to help finance this trip, but stated that he had never met the Vasquezes and did not consider this trip to be part of local CIA operations. 5) O'Mara said that he had been willing to provide \$250 from CIA funds to assist the operation in question in order to determine its results, but he disclaimed any responsibility for the trip.

On August 17, 22 and 26, 1960, Mr. To Mara was contacted by our Miami Office and furnished a summary of the information set forth in the enclosed memorandum. [O'Mara](5) said that CIA contact with Daniel Vasquez was handled entirely from Washington, D. C., and he indicated he would coptact his headquarters in order that appropriate(steps might be taken to resolve the concern expressed by the Vasquezes regarding their On August 25, 1960, [O'Mara] informed our Miami(S) activities. Office that he had made arrangements through his headquarters for Miguel Pons (who is described in the enclosed memorandum) to visit Miami the following week end so that the various problems relating to the Vasquezes could be resolved. [O'Mara] further indicated that he intended to utilize the services of Daniel Vasquez and was giving consideration to use of the island near Islamorado (described in the enclosed memorandum), which he identified as Lignumvita Island.

On August 30, 1960, Mrs. Vasquez stated she was becoming more and more desperate about the situation and asked to be put in touch with a CIA representative. Mrs. Vasquez' request was brought to O'Mara's attention. On August 31, 1960

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